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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, January 10, 2008**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers, Detroit, Michigan 48235.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley **(ABS)**  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Robert Dunlap  
AC Ralph Godbee  
DC William Hudson  
DC Leo Powers  
DC Jamie Fields  
DC Daniel O'Neill  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Joyce Motley  
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC Debra Robinson  
Cmdr. Debra Fair  
Cmdr. Jan Johnson  
Cmdr. Paul Wells  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn

Sgt. Rodney Cox  
PO Eric Smith  
PO Melvin Chuney  
PO Mike Crowder

Sgt. Shirley Bledsoe  
PO Elaine Frinkley  
PO Keith Buckman  
PO Sophia Nelms

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Lockett  
Mary Simpson  
Judy Jones  
Laura Bailey  
Rita Voalin  
Bill Welbourne  
Jacqueline Sledge  
Don Johnson

Faye Wafer  
Patricia Carter  
Louis Calhoun  
Ruth Boaton  
Robert Harris  
Marcella Richardson  
Yvette Martin  
Loucille Reed

**RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:46 p.m.

**Chairperson Ramirez** read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

**Chairperson Ramirez** thanked Exec. Director Ron Lockett and the Northwest Activity Center for hosting the community meeting.

**R. Lockett** welcomed everyone to the Northwest Activity Center and stated it's a pleasure to hold the Board meeting here.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated this is a beautiful facility and he was present for the grand opening.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for January 10, 2008, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

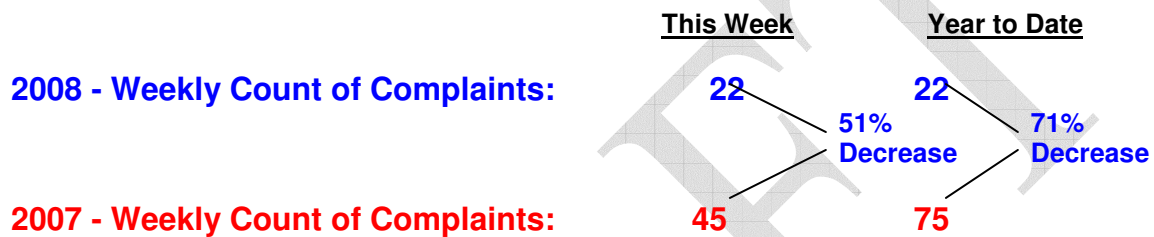
### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of December 6, 2007, December 13, 2007, December 20, 2007, December 27, 2007, and January 3, 2008, were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

#### 1. SECRETARY REPORT

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,272** active investigations, of which **21** of those are for 2007.

##### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 01/10/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL		2								2
2	COURT LIAISON UNIT		2								2
1	EASTERN		1					1			2
1	HOMICIDE SECTION							1			1
4	NORTHEASTERN		2	3							5
2	NORTHWESTERN		1					1			2
1	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		1					1			2
6	Unknown Command		3	2		1		4			10
1	VIOLENT CRIMES							1			1
2	WESTERN DISTRICT		1	1				1			3
22		0	13	6	1	0	10	0	0	0	30

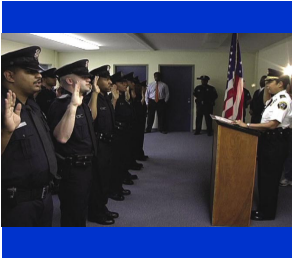
**Chief Inv. Sheard** stated that the role of the OCI is to receive and investigate all complaints concerning harassment, force, and procedure and other forms of alleged misconduct concerning police officers and civilians who work for the department. OCI is monitored by the Monitors' that are contracted by the City of Detroit and advised them on how complaints should be conducted to be in compliance with the Consent Decree.

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of December 31, 2007 through January 6, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 17 search warrants and 47 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 25 Felony arrests
- 90 Misdemeanor arrests
- 2 Juveniles detained
- 1,116.40 grams of cocaine, 13.1 grams of heroin, 657.60 grams of marijuana and 24 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 473,010.40
- \$ 13,335.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 6 Handguns

### WESTERN DISTRICT

On January 3rd, while on patrol, officers of the Western District conducted a traffic stop. **As a result of the investigation, the subject was arrested and later charged with (1) Carrying a Concealed Weapon, (2) Felon in Possession, (3) Felony Firearm, and (4) Habitual 3rd Degree.**



### Engaging the Community

#### ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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#### Special points of interest:

##### • Next meeting:

Thursday, January 17, 2008  
 @ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St.**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

## Detroit Police Department

### Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

## *Police / Community Intervention*

JANUARY 10, 2008



### CENTRAL DISTRICT

On January 4th, while on patrol in the area of Woodward and Kenilworth, officers of the Central District observed a subject with a handgun. Due to the officers keen observation and investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." The handgun was confiscated.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On January 1st, officers of Tactical Mobile received a police run to the 14000 block of Prevost on an "Assault in Progress" and a subject was arrested. Domestic Violence handled the investigation and as a result, the subject was charged with "Domestic Violence."



### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On December 31st, officers of the Northeastern District followed up on a Breaking & Entering in the 5000 block of Georgia when they observed signs of forced entry of an Elementary School. Due to the officers investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Entering without Breaking and (2) Habitual 3rd Degree.



### NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On January 1st, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 8000 block of Penrod on a "Person with a Weapon." Due to the officers quick response, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm, (2) Felonious Assault, and (3) Felony Firearm.



**AC Dunlap** introduced members of the department and DC Hudson of the Western District.

**DC Hudson** introduced Sgt Bledsoe of Community Relation for the Western District.

**Sgt. Bledsoe** introduced members of the Western District Community Relation Staff and PO Crowder, the Environmental Officer.

**PO Crowder** gave an overview of the new 2008 environmental misdemeanor ticket regarding the process with the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court. Police Officers can no longer issue a date for the citizens to show up for court, that date is now being issued by the court when the citizen call.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if someone is issued a ticket do they have to call 36<sup>th</sup> District Court.

**PO Crowder** stated it is treated more like a traffic ticket, they have to contact the court within 21 days to make a court date and the officers are then notified.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated so you can appear as well.

**PO Crowder** stated yes, ma'am.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked does the court have a backlog.

**PO Crowder** stated he's not sure.

**DC Hudson** gave a brief overview of the Western District with its many organizations, and its current endeavors and introduced Mr. Don Johnson, President of the Western District Community Relations Council.

**D. Johnson** stated that the Community Relations Council work very well with the Western District and is very happy, but things could be better. Stated he heard the Mayor talking about hiring between 3,000 to 5,000 people. He was hoping that this Board along with City Council could talk to the Mayor and have at least 1,500 of those people be police officers. Because the Districts just don't work. There was a valiant effort to make them work. The officers are trying to do the job, but even the criminals now that it will take a while for the officer to come from 7 Mile and Woodward to Grand River and Joy Road. Now it is time to try something new.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked what about the blight in the Western District.



**D. Johnson** stated they are trying to get the people of the community to call 313 224-5757. The county has been boarding up the vacant house. He stated that DC Hudson and his staff of the Western District will always call on the relation council to help get the word out about any issue within the district. They are asking the citizens to get involved by call them or the police.

**DC Hudson** stated that the District contacted Mr. Johnson about some people who was riding in a car and robbing people in the district. He stated that crew was arrested due to the help of the community relations council getting that information out to the public.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Louis J. Calhoun has been an active and lifetime resident of the Western District within the City of Detroit. His mission of service and volunteerism within the community has always been a priority that is welcomed by numerous community organizations, businesses and the entire Western District; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Calhoun serves as Group Manager for Recon Management Group, LLC. Along with his management team, he has willingly donated and cared for children within the City of Detroit for more than 22 years; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Calhoun has shown tremendous abilities in working with the parents and youth of Detroit. In the spring of 2007, Mr. Calhoun adopted the Western District Community Relations Council as a partner for his 15 year-old initiative that provides deserving children with shoes, jackets and other necessities. This operation has helped numerous families throughout the entire community. Additionally, Mr. Calhoun annually and anonymously donates shoes and jackets to various programs sponsored by the Detroit Public Schools Community Network; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Calhoun is a committed partner of Radio Patrol Unit and willingly drives his personal vehicle to patrol the streets of the Western District and the City of Detroit. He consistently provides feedback to the department and citizens by attending community association meetings and alerting them on various crime trends. His ability to communicate with the Detroit Police and citizens has made him an asset to the entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedication and noted generosity of Mr. Louis J. Calhoun. His exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for children, all citizens within his community, and throughout the entire City of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Louis J. Calhoun.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
January 10, 2008

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
Commissioner

**AC Dunlap** stated that the District may not work, but officers do work. He stated that the crew was also caught by the police being out on the street and because when the word "District" is mentioned it is related to a building.

He presented Mr. Calhoun with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**DC Hudson** presented him with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.



**L. Calhoun** thanked everyone for recognizing him with these awards.

He stated to Mr. Johnson that he host a Radio Show on WDRJ 1440 AM called "Jumping for Joy" every Wednesday from 1:30-2:00 pm, and would like to invite him on the show to talk about any community issues.

The adoption of the Resolution for Mr. Calhoun was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked about the Radio Patrol in the Western District.

**D. Johnson** stated that Russell Woods has a wonderful Radio Patrol and they are trying to start up a couple more. He stated that the Radio Patrol absolutely works. They are trying to get the churches in the District to be responsible for their area, and they are continuing to have ongoing discussions. They also wants the churches to let the Radio Patrol host their meetings their when recruiting new members.

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, January 17, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

#### **10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**P. Carter** stated on behalf of the citizens of the Western District they would like to thank the Board for the promotions of DC Hudson and Cmdr. Fair.

**B. Wilbourne** stated they had a problem in their neighborhood where several teenagers had broken into a house. He called 911 but the response wasn't fast enough then he called Cmdr. Fair who sent a car right away and all of those teenagers were arrested.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked did the house get boarded up.

**B. Wilbourne** stated yes.

**Dir. Ducker** stated that the Detroit Police Department is recruiting and those individuals who are interested can come to the recruiting office at 14655 Dexter or call 313 596-2660. There are certain requirements that the applicant must meet.

**Y. Martin** stated that there is a company located on 8 Mile and Ohio and the noise is unbearable and would like to get some assistance with this issue.

**AC Dunlap** stated to Ms. Martin to speak with DC Hudson after the meeting.

**Sgt. Bledsoe** stated that she spoke with Ms. Martin on Monday and they took care of that issue and the company has moved out into Oak Park.

**AC Dunlap** stated to Ms. Martin if you have some additional concerns she can share them with DC Hudson after the meeting.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**